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IN RE APPLICATION OF: Takahisa KIKUCHI

SERIAL NO: 09/867,464

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FOR: EVALUATION METHOD, POSITION DETECTION METHOD, EXPOSURE METHOD AND DEVICE  
MANUFACTURING METHOD, AND EXPOSURE APPARATUS

EXAMINER: LAU, TUNG S.

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME  
UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.136

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It is hereby requested that a **three** month extension of time be granted to December 16, 2003 for

- filing a response to the Official Action dated:
- responding to the requirements in the Notice of Allowability dated:
- filing the Formal Drawings. The Issue Fee due has been timely filed.
- responding to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application dated:
- filing a Continuation Application.
- filing an Appeal Brief. A Notice of Appeal was filed on:
- Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27. Therefore, the fee amount shown below is reduced by one-half.

The required fee of \$950.00 is enclosed herewith by credit card payment and any further charges may be made against the Attorney of Record's Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

**Request for Extension of Time (Three-Month)**

Our credit card payment form in the amount of **\$950.00** is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.



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